



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety traffic stop yields over 3,000 pounds of marijuana.

On May 24, 2008 at 8:40 p.m. an Arizona of Public Safety (DPS) officer conducted a traffic stop on a blue 1999 Freightliner tractor trailer in the northbound lanes of I-19 near Nogales. The truck was stopped for an equipment violation. A subsequent search revealed 3,379 Pounds of bundled marijuana on pallets concealed between a load of tomatoes.

The driver was taken into custody without incident and the commercial vehicle was seized.

“This shows the lengths that drug smugglers will go to get their product through Arizona. DPS officers are trained to know what to look for after making traffic stops. Southern Arizona remains a busy corridor for drug traffic but we’re seeing a similar situation throughout the state. The Arizona Department of Public Safety is on the front lines of this on-going battle to disrupt the illegal narcotics trade by taking away their product and most importantly their profit,” said Roger Vanderpool, director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety

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